

# SAYS WILLIE ASKED, 'AM I SUSPECTED?'

## Detective Tells Of Midnight Quiz Given Defendant

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A. A handkerchief, I believe, and a powder puff.

The former county detective was unable to identify a handkerchief and powder puff shown to him by Case as the ones in the pocket of the scarf.

There was but one purpose behind this questioning, it seemed—to show the jury that Totten, positive of the calling card, was uncertain as to the other articles found in the same spot. The calling card is said by three experts to bear Willie Stevens's fingerprints.

Q. Here are Dr. Hall's eyeglasses, which now appear in very broken condition. When you saw them, were they broken? A. No, they were not broken when they left my hands.

### Willie Giggles and Jokes

Willie Stevens giggled and joked with Augustus Studer, defense lawyer, as the glasses were produced. Mrs. Hall betrayed no interest.

In the matter of the spectacles, the defense again sharpened its attack on the value of the fingerprint card. The glasses were intact when they left Totten's possession, and now are broken.

"Why not a similar abuse of the calling card?" seemed to be the defense's silent question to the jury.

Q. Was there a handkerchief with an "H" on it found near the

### Giggles in Court



WILLIE STEVENS

bodies? A. There was a handkerchief, but I don't remember the "H."

### Found Things Not Produced

Q. Were there things at the body not produced? Was there a dental appointment card? A. I found one there.

Simpson objected but was overruled.

Q. You were shown some clothing the other day, said to belong to William Stevens. Were they found at the scene of the crime? A. No, I believe they were taken from his home.

Q. Mrs. Hall told you she had gone to the church that night and had found it dark? A. I recall she told me she thought Dr. Hall had fallen asleep. I don't remember if she said she entered the church.

Q. You testified about the wound in Mrs. Mills's neck. Could that wound have been caused by other than a very sharp knife? A. I only saw it for a moment and couldn't form any opinion.

Q. About the bullets and cartridge shells, do you know if they have been out of the state of New Jersey? A. I have no knowledge to that effect.

### Ground Dry and Hard

Q. When did you last see them? A. In October, 1922.

Referring to a pocket notebook, Totten corrected.

## Big Ice Cream Cone "Fit for a King" Willie's Lunch

Special to The GRAPHIC

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 10.

—Willie Stevens pulled a new wrinkle in prison dietetics during luncheon hour at the Hall-Mills murder trial today, when he sent a messenger out for an ice cream cone.

The cone was filled solidly with a combination of chocolate, strawberry and vanilla creams.

"A dish fit for a king," was Willie's comment to Warden Jimmie Major.

"I received them on October 4, 1922."

Q. What was the condition of the ground on the Phillips farm? A. It was dry and hard.

Case appeared disappointed at this answer. He had hoped, it seemed from his tone, to have Totten tell of a damp condition there. Such an answer would have supported the defense contention that atmospheric conditions were unfavorable to the preservation of the calling card fingerprint.

Q. Was Willie Stevens questioned by officials of the state four years ago? Yes, at New Brunswick.

### Had No Counsel

Q. He had no counsel or friends with him? No.

Simpson took over the witness.

Q. Did Mrs. Mills have any scratches on her arms? A. Yes, on the back of her hands.

Simpson had tried yesterday to have Dr. Schultze tell of scratches on the choir singer's arms, but the physician said none were visible when he examined the body more than four years after the slayings.

Totten's statement today strengthened Simpson's contention that both Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills struggled with their murderers. Dr. Schultze had already testified that a lip "puncture" on the choir singer might have been caused by the blow of a fist—where a ring struck—and that there was a bruise on the rector's knuckle.

Q. Do you know why your superior, Prosecutor Beekman, put an affidavit from a witness hostile to the state into his safe and nothing else? A. No.

### Attacks Dead Prosecutor

Once again Simpson, by inference at least, attacked the dead prosecutor of Somerset county, Azariah Beekman, who was in charge of the original investigation. Earlier in the trial ex-State Trooper Henry L. Diekman had named Beekman as his briber, and William Garvin, the Burns detective, had charged that he never acted on information Garvin gave him. The private detective said he told Beekman of Ralph Gorsline's placing Henry Stevens at the murder scene.

Q. About the blood. When you went to the murder scene? A. Blood trickled down the back of Dr. Hall's neck. There was a lot of blood in the lady's hat.

Q. Can you fix definitely the number of articles you turned over to Mr. Beekman, the date and who was with you? A. No.

Q. What became of Dr. Hall's shirt? A. I can't remember, I have a faint recollection that Mr. Schwartz, on the first day of November, took something back to his Newark laboratory.

Schwartz is the Newark fingerprint expert.

Totten, examined by Simpson,

told the court of a talk he had had with Willie Stevens when the latter was examined in New Brunswick four years ago.

"Do you think they suspect me?" the witness said Willie had asked him.

"Why do you ask that?" the former testified he replied.

### Tells of Grilling

"We were leaving the court house together," Totten explained. "I was helping Willie to dodge a battery of camera men."

"I didn't get a chance to answer his question."

Case leaped to his feet and asked Totten:—

Q. Willie was brought here to Somerville, wasn't he? It was quite some examination.

None of the defendants showed the least concern during this tes-



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timony, Willie grinning broadly as Totten told of the eccentric man's fears four years ago.

Simpson would not let Totten reply. Case continued:—"He was grilled, alone, at midnight."

Simpson objected, while Case sought to question Totten at length on the Somerville examination of Willie. Judge Parker ruled against him. The defense sought to prove that Willie had not incriminated himself in any way in this grilling.

### Long Examination

Q. How long had William been under examination when he made this remark? A. About an hour and a half.

Q. He was being put through the

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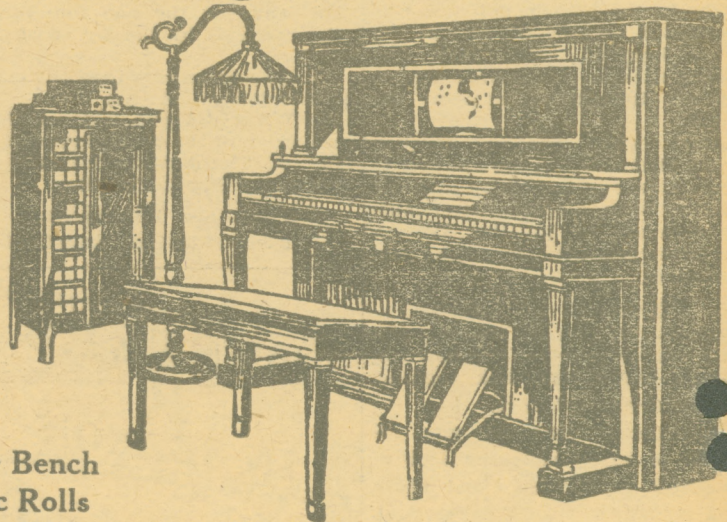
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